

Human Services Council Meeting  
January 12, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Excused</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill	<i>Excused</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Excused</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Absent</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Adrienne Stokes	<i>Excused</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>		
<b>Staff:</b>			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Linda Hoffman, Robert Easley

**7:40 p.m. – Welcome and Overview** – Jerry Poje opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. He reviewed the agenda. Jerry noted that there is a potential change in the proposed date for the Human Services Council to present to the Board of Supervisors. Ron McDevitt provided additional information regarding a potential schedule change, which could lead to the Human Services Council presenting later in the month of March. The draft 2015 HSC calendar would be revised pending this change and an updated schedule would be circulated to HSC members. An adjustment to the HSC presentation date to the Board of Supervisors would allow more flexibility in the proposed time frame to learn from the community and incorporate that information into the annual budget letter.

**FY 2016 HSC Budget Process** – Steve Bloom shared the updated Human Services Council talking points document. He reiterated that meeting with the respective BOS members is an opportunity to gather feedback, share information and build a stronger relationship between the Council and the Board of Supervisors. The Council has previously expressed an interest in communicating with the Board outside the traditional budget process. This set of meetings could initiate that process.

The Council provided feedback including the idea to share an actual hard copy of the talking points with their respective Board member. They suggested edits to strengthen the talking points document and make the details within more consistent. Council members agreed that any meetings with their respective member of the Board should be completed prior to the release of the advertised FY 2016 budget. Jerry Poje noted that members of the HSC who have not been able to attend would be contacted by other HSC members to ensure they were informed and updated.

The Council briefly discussed the public dialogues and dates that might facilitate greater participation. March 5 and March 10 were proposed as new dates for the public dialogues. This would provide additional time for community members to review and develop a response to the FY2016 budget being released February 17. The initial dates identified were February 24 and February 26. The HSC calendar will be updated to reflect the changes. Kevin Bell asked Steve Bloom to work with Michelle Gregory to finalize the budget schedule.

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**Trends and Emerging Needs Impacting Fairfax County Human Services System** – Michelle Gregory noted that feedback from the Council during the presentation of Trends and Emerging Needs has been incorporated into the document. This includes an introduction to summarize the key findings as well as an index and table of contents. The updated document has been posted to the HSC website. Kevin Bell stated that the cover of the report should also indicate that this is a revised version. Staff would make this final change immediately, ensuring the most updated version is available for HSC members as they prepare for meetings with the Board of Supervisors.

**Governor's Health Care Plan and Alignment with County Health Care Reform Strategies: Opportunity to Integrate Primary and Behavioral Health Services** – Pat Harrison discussed a change to the lease at the Merrifield site. The Council has been updated about the integration of healthcare over the past year. This includes the Merrifield site, where multiple services would be co-located in one building. The amended lease would allow additional services to be incorporated by taking back half of the fourth floor from Inova. Inova has verbally agreed to this proposal. Feedback from the community would give the Board of Supervisors additional rationale for this decision. Pat asked the HSC to write a letter of support regarding the proposed lease amendment.

Pat addressed questions regarding transportation to assist participants in accessing the services at Merrifield as opposed to their existing sites. A motion was made and approved to write a letter of support regarding the lease amendment. The letter would be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Council noted that an upcoming HSC meeting should be held at Merrifield to include a tour of the new facility.

**Approval of December 17, 2014, Council Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

**Announcements** – Kevin acknowledged that Paula Sampson would officially retire on January 13, 2015, and that a reception was held on Friday, January 9, 2015.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next full HSC meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Government Center in Conference Rooms 2 and 3.